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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:
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Mr. Johnny W. Reising
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RE: Technology Reports

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) technology reports committed as part of the Operable Unit (OU) 5 Record of Decision.

The technology reports evaluated the feasibility of several emerging technologies and their application to the On-Site Disposal Facility (OSDF). The technologies evaluated included vacuum extrusion, geochemical barriers, physical separation, and soil stabilization.

U.S. EPA concurs with U.S. DOE's conclusions and recommendations that these technologies do not substantially benefit the OSDF remedy. However U.S. EPA recommends that U.S. DOE continue to monitor developments of these and other emerging technologies that may benefit the OSDF remedy in the future.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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